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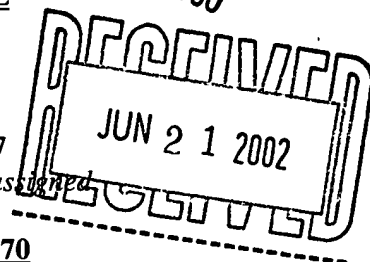
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In re Application
Inventor(s): VINCENT PLUVINAGE et al.
Appl. No.: 09/830,488
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Hearing Profiles and Customized Audio Data Based
on Such Hearing Profiles

Art Unit: 2227
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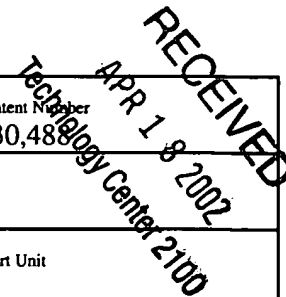
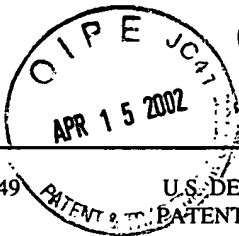
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